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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**  
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant <b>ABB TECHNOLOGY AG</b>		

1.	This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-10 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-25 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/3-3/3 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	3-5, 17-25	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 6-16	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-25	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-25	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
D1	US-A-4 134 848 (ADICOFF ARNOLD ET AL) 16 January 1979		
D2:	US-A-3 933 712 (VANAGLASH JR JOHN J) 20 January 1976		
D3:	DE 93 21 201 U (DRAEGERWERK AG) 1 August 1996		
D4:	EP-A-1 300 439 (ABB RESEARCH LTD) 9 April 2003		
D5:	DE 35 27 696 A (JONES PARKER & CO LTD) 12 February 1987		
D6:	US-A-5 608 028 (SANFTLEBEN HENRY M ET AL) 4 March 1997		
D7:	DE 39 13 488 A (BOSCH GMBH ROBERT) 31 October 1990		
1.	<p>Claim 1 defines a process for producing mouldings for switchgear, during which a mixture of spheres having a predetermined diameter distribution having a value Dx is introduced into the casting compound, so that structural components are directly cast. Since this claim does not further characterises the spheres or the casting compound, claim 1 is limited to a process in which spherical fillers are introduced into a casting compound in order to produce a structural component.</p>		

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2. Documents D1-D6 disclose processes in which different casting compounds and spherical fillers are mixed and structural components are produced therefrom, as follows:

Casting compound	filler	size
D1: polyolefin matrix	hollow glass spheres (25wt%)	10-20 $\mu\text{m}$
D2: organosiloxane polymer	hollow glass spheres (50wt%)	10-300 $\mu\text{m}$
D3: polyethylene wax	glass spheres (80wt%)	0.1-1.5 mm
D4: epoxy resin	powder particles (20-80wt%)	1-300 $\mu\text{m}$
D5: polyurethane	hollow glass spheres (10-60wt%)	0.1-300 $\mu\text{m}$
D6: polyurethane	ceramic spheres, hollow spheres	60 $\mu\text{m}$

Consequently, the subject matter of claims 1, 2 and 6-16 does not meet the requirements of EPC Article 54.

The citations do not disclose the production of a switchgear chamber from a casting made of a first casting compound, which is then cast, together with its connections, into a block made of a second casting compound. The subject matter of claims 3-5 and 17-25 is therefore novel.

3. If the applicant submits an amended independent claim which meets the requirements of EPC Article 54, he should indicate the differentiating feature and either demonstrate that it is associated with a surprising technical effect or convincingly show that this feature cannot be readily derived from the prior art (EPC Article 56).

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## Box No. VI Certain documents cited

## 1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No.  
Patent No.Publication date  
(day/month/year)Filing date  
(day/month/year)Priority date (valid claim)  
(day/month/year)

## 2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure

Date of non-written disclosure  
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referring to non-written disclosure  
(day/month/year)